

February 2014



Birthdays

Clay Walls 2/6

Duane O'Donnell 2/9

Andy Smithson 2/11

Billy Sauls 2/12

Roy Fugate 2/14

Clay Estes 2/16

Vular Anderson 2/17

Terry Smith 2/17

Jack Black 2/18

Guy Matthews 2/18

Brian Burgess 2/22

Leon Isaac 2/23

Alveraz Constant 2/26

Nora Smith 2/26

Randy Jones 2/28

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY



Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Fire Administration Office will be closed in observance of the following holiday:

Monday, February 17, 2014
President's Day

If you need assistance, please contact MFRD Headquarters at 615-849-2661.



MFRD PERSONNEL ATTEND HAZMAT OPS CLASS

Sixteen Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel attended a Hazardous Materials Operations class in January at LaVergne Fire Department. The purpose of the class was to make students aware that hazardous materials response is unique and can require special considerations.

During the one week course, students learned to recognize and identify hazardous materials and where to seek information for the materials. They were educated on the specific characteristics of each chemical and how each chemical can affect the body, the atmosphere, and the environment. Students were also taught how to protect and remove victims during a hazardous materials release, while effectively reducing the impact to victims, responders, and the environment.



Hazardous Materials Operations Training January 2014



MFRD TO HOLD SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY ON ANNIVERSARY OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will hold the first annual “Remembrance Ceremony” for fallen Firefighters Winfred Vaughn and AC Cartwright on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 1:00 pm. The ceremony will take place on the northwest side of the public square at the site of the Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial.

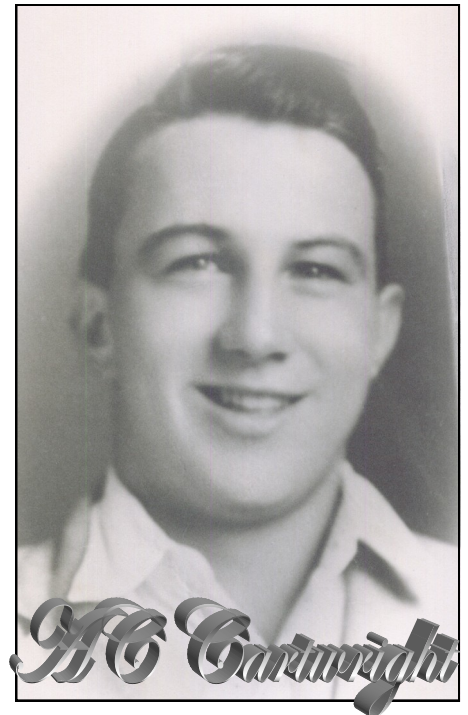
Vaughn and Cartwright were killed on March 1, 1939 on the way to a grass fire, when the fire truck they were riding on was struck by another vehicle.

MFRD Administrative Assistant Laurie Alsup got the idea to have a remembrance ceremony from FDNY’s Facebook Page. “I was looking at their page one day and saw that they have memorial ceremonies for their fallen firefighters on the anniversary of their deaths,” said Alsup. “That got me thinking that we should do something for our two fallen heroes.”

“The ceremony will be brief, yet meaningful,” said Fire Chief Cumbey Gaines, “and it will be open to the media and the public.”

The exact schedule for the ceremony is to be announced, but updates will be posted on MFRD’s [Facebook](#) page.

Find the full article on the firefighters on Page 3 of *The Extinguisher*.



MFRD HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY

- MFRD responded to over 30 sprinkler system activations and pipe bursts during the January cold spells!
- MFRD posted a job opening for the new Assistant Chief-Medical Services position. Applications are available on the [City's website](#). Deadline is February 7, 2014.
- According to Assistant Chief Jernigan, approximately 99 percent of the equipment has been ordered for the two new heavy rescues which are expected to debut in early April 2014.
- The Fire Marshal's Office made two arrests in January in connection with the Christmas Day Agri Park Drive fires.
- MFRD Firefighter Joshua Parsons filmed the City's first installment of the new “We're Here for You” public service announcements, [watch it here!](#)
- MFRD's Competition Honor Guard team for the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) has started practicing for the April 2014 National Honor Guard Competition.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR VICTIM OF TRUCKS CRASH

Cartwright Rites Set For Tomorrow; Vaughn Is Buried Today

THREE IN HOSPITAL

Two Persons Are Released After Treatment; City's Worst Tragedy

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the East Main Street Church of Christ for Winfred Vaughn, 36, one of the two Murfreesboro firemen who lost their lives Wednesday afternoon in a collision between the pump truck on which they were riding and a light, pick-up truck.

Services for A. C. Cartwright, 22, the second fireman killed, are to be held Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile the condition of two more firemen and the young woman, driver of the truck with which they collided, was reported at the Rutherford Hospital as not serious. All the injured were reported to have spent a restful night.

The injured are:

Miss Thelma Harris, 19, of Cainsville, driver of the light truck with which the pump truck collided, who suffered cuts and bruises.

Johnny Gray, 37, assistant fire chief and driver of the pump truck, who suffered cuts and abrasions about the legs and head.

Hollis Qualls, 29, fireman who suffered a broken collar bone and injured shoulder.

Miss Frances Qualls, 18, also of Cainsville and sophomore at the State Teachers college, riding in the light truck with Miss Harris, was dismissed from the hospital Wednesday afternoon after receiving treatment for minor cuts.

Ollie Prater, 35, the fifth fireman on the pump truck, was dismissed from the hospital after being treated for a cut across the stomach and chest and other minor cuts.

The accident, the most tragic in the history of the Murfreesboro Fire Department, occurred as the pump truck going north on Spring Street to answer a grass fire alarm collided at the Lytle Street intersection with the Harris truck going west on Lytle.

The services for Vaughn to be conducted by Elder Joe Netherland, minister of the East Main Street Church of Christ, and the Rev. B. B. Pennington, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Burial was to be in Evergreen cemetery.

City To Close Offices

City offices were to close for the funeral and City officials and employees were to serve with the honorary pallbearers.

Services for Cartwright are to be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Woodfin and Moore Funeral Home with the Rev. J. T. Barbee, pastor of the Dickson Baptist Church conducting. Burial is to be in Evergreen. The city offices will again be closed.

The death marked the first traffic fatalities on Murfreesboro streets in 1939.

Prater, the least injured of the firemen, said the truck driven by Miss Harris, daughter of Jesse C. Harris of Cainsville, struck the pump truck about the right rear fender.

"I was standing on the left side of the rear platform of the pump truck and Cartwright was on the right side of the platform. Johnny (Johnny Gray, assistant chief) was driving. Vaughn was sitting beside him on the driver's seat and Hollis Qualls was standing on the left fender nearly beside Johnny," Prater said.

"Johnny had slowed up at College Street to let a car pass and we hadn't picked up full speed before the crash. I don't believe we were going over 35 miles an hour at the time.

"When the truck hit us we went over to the left side of the street and I saw Cartwright go sailing over my head. They say he hit a tree beside the street.

Truck Turned Around

"The truck began to turn around and I was thrown off. It switched on around and rolled completely over on its left side and then back on its wheels, facing Murfreesboro, the opposite direction from which it was traveling.

"I saw Johnny, who was thrown out before the truck turned over, get up and start pulling Winfred out from under the hose that had come out from under the truck on top of him. Johnny collapsed and Hollis went on to try to pull Winfred out. We saw he was dead."

"Cartwright was lying on the pavement on the left side of the street.

Went On To Fire

"Wise came by with the ladder truck and we went on to put out the grass fire.

"I remember the siren and bell were going all the time before the accident."

The truck driven by Miss Harris, was reported to belong to her brother Evon Harris, employee of a Murfreesboro store.

Miss Qualls is the daughter of Homer Qualls of Cainsville.

Winfred Vaughn born March 16, 1902 had been a member of the Fire Department for thirteen years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Tomlinson Vaughn, a six months old daughter, Margaret; a step daughter, Lura Miles Vaughn; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Vaughn of North Burton Street, Murfreesboro; three sisters, Mrs. Jesse Brown of Salem road, Mrs. James Fergus of Nashville, Mrs. Cora McClane of Murfreesboro; three brothers, Squire Sam E. Vaughn of Murfreesboro, Robert of Louisville, Ky., and Jesse of Madison, Indiana.

Cartwright had been a member of the fire department since June, 1936.

Married Short Time

He was married a short time ago to Miss Mary Bryant Hayes, who survives him.

He also is survived by his parents, L. G. and Ida White Cartwright who live eight miles from Murfreesboro on the Shelbyville pike; two sisters, Mary and Blanche, and a brother, L. G. Cartwright, Jr., all of Murfreesboro.

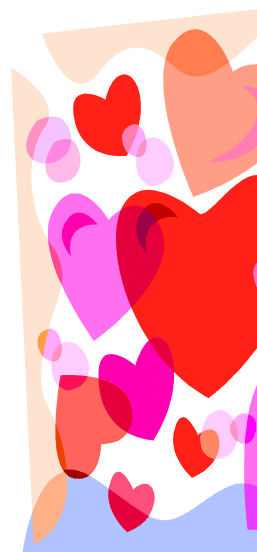
Honorary pallbearers for Vaughn in addition to City officials and employees were Dr. B. W. Rawlins, C. A. Nelson, Ridley Stephens, Frank Stephens, Ben Tarpley, D. L. Rodgers.

Active: Hall Todd, Flaver Barner, Felix Snell, Lionel Zumbro, Fire Chief B. B. Qualls, Hubert McCullough.

Honorary pallbearers for Cartwright will be Fire Chief Buck Qualls, and other members of the Murfreesboro Fire Department; Chief of Police N. W. Powers, C. R. Davis, H. B. Garner, O. C. Halliburton, A. M. Cunningham, T. L. McKaig, Nathan Oden, A. N. Miller, C. H. Barber, W. H. Becton, Dr. W. T. Robison, Dr. B. W. Rawlins, A. L. Todd, Andrew Tamburo, and Mack Patton.

Active pallbearers will be Dick McKnight, William Jones, Thomas Qualls, Tommy Martin, Roy Pugh, Estil Threet, Andrew T. Jackson and Lenell Patton.

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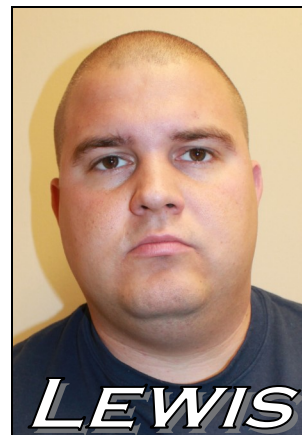


THREE PERSONNEL SHARE FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2014

Three MFRD personnel, Driver Vular Anderson and Firefighters Ryan Battle and Justin Lewis, were named Firefighter of the Month for February 2014. They were nominated by Captain Tony Lehw for the following:

In January, the crew responded to a first responder call. When they arrived, the patient was not breathing and did not have a pulse. The crew performed CPR and applied the automated external defibrillator (AED). CPR was continued through four cycles before the arrival of Rutherford County EMS. When EMS applied their heart monitor, the patient's pulse had returned. Captain Lehw stated that while supervising, he had the chance to observe the actions of his crew and their performance was flawless. He also said the crew "performed perfectly with only minimal oversight from the captain."

Anderson has been with the department since December 1987, Battle since April 2011, and Lewis since October 2013.



Congratulations!



February Anniversaries

29 YEARS
Mark McCluskey

13 YEARS
Chris Ayers
Renard Brown
Brian Burgess
Alveraz Constant
Clay Estes
Melvin Holmes

12 YEARS
Jeff Wright

8 YEARS
Travis Bryant
Daphanie Crenshaw
Collins Harrelson



If you notice MFRD personnel providing exemplary service, displaying professionalism, or representing the City of Murfreesboro in a positive light, please share your experience by nominating them for a Service Excellence Stars Award.

Click here for more information or to Nominate a STAR.

STORK REPORT

JACE WILLIAM PARSONS
SON OF JONATHAN & JOSIE
BORN: JANUARY 21, 2013
AT 7 LBS / 20Z
20 1/2" LONG

MTSU Basketball Presents



First Responders Night

Saturday February 8th, 2014

Lady Raiders vs. Rice

@4pm

Honoring the first responders in the Middle TN area and thanking you for the services you provide to the community!

Tickets \$5!

Tickets can only be ordered through Jill Davis with MTSU Athletics
615-898-5861 or jillian.davis@mtsu.edu

DON'T DELAY ORDER TODAY!!!

RELAY FOR LIFE

There is still time to join MFRD's Relay for Life Team.

If you're interested in participating, contact Julia Pitt or Ashley Welcome for more information.

